

**Minutes of the Town of Johnsburg Organizational Meeting January 4, 2011
Held at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Johnsburg held on Thursday January 4, 2011 at 7:00PM at the Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY. Supervisor Goodspeed called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and the pledge to the flag was led by Councilman Frank Morehouse, Jr.

Roll call showed the following persons present: Supv. Sterling Goodspeed; Town Councilmen/ Eugene Arsenault, Arnold Stevens, Frank Morehouse, Jr. and Ronald Vanselow; Town Clerk/ William Rawson.

Guests: On attached list

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2010 regular Town Board Meeting as written. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter from Town of Johnsburg Superintendent of Highways Daniel Hitchcock informing the Town Board that he was appointing Donald Moore as his Deputy Superintendent of Highways.
2. A letter from Town of Johnsburg Town Clerk William Rawson informing the Town Board that he was appointing Jo Ann Smith as his Deputy Town Clerk.
3. A letter from Mrs. Vonda Beattie informing the Town Board of her resignation from the Board of Assessment Review effective immediately.
4. A letter from Waste Management informing the Town Board of that effective February 1, 2011 the price per haul for trash from the transfer station will be \$186.00; and also informing the Town Board that Waste Management would like to negotiate a contract for this service.
5. A notice from the Association of Towns regarding their annual meeting to be held in New York City, February 20-23, 2011.

Supv. Goodspeed explained that this is the organizational meeting for the year of 2011 and that there were several annual resolutions and appointments which would be done at this time.

Supv. Goodspeed made the following appointments for 2010:

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| 1. Budget Officer: | Supervisor Sterling T. Goodspeed |
| 2. Deputy Supervisor: | Eugene Arsenault |
| 3. Secretary to the Supervisor: | Cherie Ferguson |
| 4. Town Historian: | Jo Ann Smith |
| 5. Petty Cash Officer: | Candace Lomax |

Supv. Goodspeed explained that Zoning Enforcement Officer Danae Tucker is doing a good job and working hard. Supv. Goodspeed added that there are some questions from the Warren County Human Resources as to her job classification and qualifications; he

urged the Town Board to reappoint Danae Tucker as Zoning Enforcement Officer for 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Mr. Vanselow presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town of Johnsbury Zoning Enforcement Officer will be Danae Tucker for the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Town of Johnsbury Animal Control Officer will be William Mosher for the year of 2011. With 3 members voting in favor and 2 opposed the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-3 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens) Nays - 2 (Goodspeed, Vanselow)

RESOLUTION NO. 4

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault that the Attorney for the Town of Johnsbury will be J. Anthony Jordan for the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that the Planning Board wished to have a different attorney appointed as their legal advisor; the Planning Board would like the Town Board to appoint Mark Schachner as their attorney.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow that the Attorney for the Town of Johnsbury Planning Board will be Mark Schachner for the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed explained that as a result of a change in Town Law in 2007 that the Town Clerk may appoint the 1st Deputy Town Clerk; Town Clerk William Rawson has notified the Town Board that he appoints Jo Ann Smith as 1st Deputy Town Clerk for the year of 2011. Supv. Goodspeed asked that the Town Board acknowledge these appointments by resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to acknowledge the appointment of Jo Ann Smith as 1st Deputy Town Clerk for the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed noted that Superintendent of Highways Daniel Hitchcock has notified the Town Board of appointing Donald Moore as Town of Johnsbury Deputy Superintendent of Highways for 2011.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to acknowledge the appointment of Donald Moore as Deputy Superintendent of Highways for 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays – 0

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to designate the following handicapped accessible polling place in the Town of Johnsburg for the year of 2011:

District # 1: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

District # 2: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

District # 3: Wevertown Community Center, Wevertown, NY

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 9

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to designate the North Creek News-Enterprise as the official newspaper for the Town of Johnsburg for the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 10

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to designate the following banks as official depositories for the Town of Johnsburg for the year of 2011:

Community Bank, N.A., North Creek, NY

T.D. Bank North, Warrensburg, NY

Glens Falls National Bank, Warrensburg, NY

With 4 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-4 (Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0 Abstained -1 (Arsenault)

RESOLUTION NO. 11

Mr. Vanselow presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to adopt the salaries of elected and appointed officials as per the final adopted budget for 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to set the compensation for mileage for Town Business at 45 cents per mile for the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays-0

RESOLUTION NO. 13

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to adopt the Town Officers Bond for the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 14

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to authorize the payment in advance of audit of claim for Public Utility Services and Postage for the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 15

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to authorize the Supervisor to extend the unexpended balances in their respective accounts for the purpose of encumbering monies during the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 16

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow to authorize Town Officers to purchase necessary supplies to carry on official duties, in amounts not to exceed the budget during the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 17

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the Supervisor to pay the annual dues of the N.Y.S. Association of Towns and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages, when due during the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 18

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse to authorize the Town Clerk to publish, in two issues, a summary of the 2010 Annual Report of the Supervisor of the Town of Johnsburg. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

RESOLUTION NO. 19

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to authorize the placing of Town monies in interest bearing accounts when this can be done without interfering with the operation of Town government. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed noted that in the 2011 schedule of regular Town Board meetings that there was only one scheduled meeting per month during the months of April through August; he added that several Towns in Warren County have moved to one meeting per month and that it was working for those Towns. Supv. Goodspeed noted that during the summer months the meetings seemed to have fewer new items on the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

Mr. Vanselow presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to schedule as follows two regular Town Board meetings per month in 2010, except in April, where there is only one scheduled meeting: from Mr. Vanselow to schedule as follows two regular Town Board meetings per month in 2011, except from April through August, where there is only one scheduled meeting per month:

Town of Johnsbury Town Board Meetings for 2011			
January	4	---	Wevertown
January	18	---	Library
February	1	---	Wevertown
February	15	---	Library
March	1	---	Wevertown
March	15	---	Library
<i>Only one meeting per Month April - August!!!</i>			
April	5	---	Wevertown
May	3	---	Wevertown
June	7	---	Wevertown
July	5	---	Wevertown
August	2	---	Wevertown
September	6	---	Wevertown
September	20	---	Library
October	4	---	Wevertown
October	18	---	Library
November	1	---	Wevertown
November	15	---	Library
December	6	---	Wevertown
December	20	---	Library

*Regular meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
First & Third Tuesdays (unless noted)*

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed handed out a list of appointments to Standing Committees for the year of 2011. Supv. Goodspeed noted that the appointments are the same as the previous year.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens to adopt the following Town Board Standing Committees:

**2011 STANDING COMMITTEE
JOHNSBURG TOWN BOARD**

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>
Highway	Gene Arsenault Arnold Stevens
Solid Waste Management	Gene Arsenault Arnold Stevens
Fire	Gene Arsenault Frank Morehouse, Jr.
Water	Frank Morehouse, Jr. Ron Vanselow
Planning & Zoning	Gene Arsenault Ron Vanselow
Buildings, Parks & Recreation	Arnold Stevens Ron Vanselow
Cemeteries	Frank Morehouse, Jr. Arnold Stevens
Library	Frank Morehouse, Jr. Arnold Stevens
Chester Coordination	Ron Vanselow Arnold Stevens
Energy & Lighting	Ron Vanselow Frank Morehouse, Jr.
Johnsburg Pride Coordination	Frank Morehouse, Jr. Gene Arsenault
Cable TV	Ron Vanselow Arnold Stevens
Personnel	Ron Vanselow Frank Morehouse, Jr.
Insurance Frank Morehouse, Jr	Ron Vanselow

With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Supv. Goodspeed updated the Town Board on the bridge repair on Harrington Road. Work on the bridge is progressing due to the good weather. The bridge is being engineered and is in fabrication in the Highway Garage. Supv. Goodspeed said that he believed that the bridge will satisfy those residing in the neighborhood. Secretary Cherie Ferguson added that the Town is working with National Grid regarding the shutting off of power or rerouting the power in the area to allow a crane to lift into place the portions of the bridge currently being constructed in the Highway Garage. The Town Engineers (Delaware Operations) have said that a crane is necessary for the lifting. Mr. Vanselow asked the area of the power shut down or rerouting; it would be the Harrington Road residents. Mr. David Bulmer asked if National Grid does an outreach process regarding the power shut down; Sect. Ferguson said that National Grid would do a notification procedure, but would rather reroute the power to continue service.

Supv. Goodspeed asked Secretary Cherie Ferguson to update the Town Board regarding the health care resolution from the Town of Hague read at the previous Town Board meeting. Sect. Ferguson said that the Town of Hague is hoping to be able to band the Towns of Warren County together and to be able to buy into the Warren County health insurance at the County's rate. Mr. Vanselow said that the resolution seemed to be vague. Supv. Goodspeed said that he was not sure if the resolution would help. Accounts Clerk Candace Lomax said that the idea had been discussed, but that there had been no progress due to not being able to work out a risk pool. Mr. Stevens with a second from Mr. Vanselow moved to table the discussion of this issue until more information could be gathered.

Supv. Goodspeed noted that there was a letter of resignation from Board of Assessment Review member, Vonda Beattie, read during the Correspondence portion of the meeting; Supv. Goodspeed asked that the Town Board accept the letter of resignation.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow that the Town Board accepts the resignation of Mrs. Vonda Beattie from the Board of Assessment Review. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays – 0

Supv. Goodspeed asked Secretary Cherie Ferguson to draft a letter of thanks for her service to Mrs. Beattie.

Supv. Goodspeed informed the Town Board that Mr. James J. Lomax Board of Assessment Review member whose term had expired had been willing to be reappointed to the position and Supv. Goodspeed urged that the Town Board do so. Supv. Goodspeed asked that the Town Board authorize the advertisement in the North Creek News-Enterprise of the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review created by the resignation of Mrs. Beattie.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Vanselow that the Town Board reappoints Mr. James J. Lomax as member of the Board of Assessment Review for a term to expire on September 30, 2015; and further, that the Town Board authorizes the advertisement for one week in the North Creek News Enterprise of a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays – 0

NEW BUSINESS

Supv. Goodspeed requested that the Town Board authorize the use of a copy of the Supervisor's Annual Report to the Comptroller in lieu of accounting as had been done in previous years.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

Mr. Morehouse presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Arsenault to authorize the use of a copy of the Supervisor's Annual Report to the New York State Comptroller in lieu of accounting for the year of 2011. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays – 0

Supv. Goodspeed reminded the Town Board of the letter read earlier from Waste Management informing the Town Board of that effective February 1, 2011 the price per haul for trash from the transfer station will be \$186.00 and noting a desire to negotiate a contract for the trash hauling service. Mr. Stevens asked the frequency of the hauls; Secretary Cherie Ferguson replied that there were two or three per week. Supv. Goodspeed asked the length of time since a price raise. Accounts Clerk Candace Lomax replied that it had been several years since the trash hauling charge had increased. Accounts Clerk Lomax added that the recycling charge had been increased and at that time the Town found out that it was not included in the hauling contract. Mr. Morehouse said that Warren County had recently changed to Springer from Waste Management. Supv. Goodspeed said that it appeared that Waste Management was giving the Town a nudge with the rate increase and would try to put a contract in place. Mr. Vanselow said that the letter also points out a serious disposal issue regarding computer equipment disposal. Supv. Goodspeed noted that the Town Board should probably agree to continue the service with the increase and also negotiate a contract for longer term rate stability.

RESOLUTION NO. 24

Supv. Goodspeed presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Stevens that the Town Board agrees to continue the trash hauling service with Waste Management at the increased rate of \$186.00 per haul effective February 1, 2011; and further, that the Town Board will look to contract negotiations to create longer term rate stability. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

Supv. Goodspeed noted that the monthly report of the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Danae Tucker, for the month of December 2010, was in the Town Board members' packets.

Supv. Goodspeed noted that the monthly report of the Animal Control Officer, William Mosher, for the month of December 2010, was in the Town Board members' packets.

Supv. Goodspeed distributed the Supervisor's Monthly Report, for the month of December 2010, to the members of the Town of Johnsbury Town Board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

RESOLUTION NO. 25

Mr. Arsenault presented the following resolution and moved its passage with a second from Mr. Morehouse that the following certified bills which have been reviewed by the board members be paid: General Fund- Warrant #1G/Claims #1-7; Highway Fund- Warrant #1H/Claims #1-8. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Mr. Stevens with a second from Mr. Arsenault at 7:28pm. With 5 members voting in favor the resolution is declared carried. Ayes-5 (Arsenault, Morehouse, Stevens, Vanselow, Goodspeed) Nays - 0

The meeting was closed at 7:28pm.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held at 7:00pm on January 18, 2011 at the Town Hall (Library), North Creek, NY.

Prepared by William Rawson, Town Clerk